

PREVENT LITTER AND KEEP OUR ROADS CLEAN AND SAFE

Pickens County Code of Ordinances, 34-78(e) and South Carolina Litter Laws 56-5-4110 and 16-11-700:

- No person shall operate on any highway any vehicle with any load unless such load and any covering thereon is securely fastened so as to prevent such covering or load from becoming loose, detached or in any manner a hazard to other users of the highway.
- No vehicle which transports litter may be driven or moved on state highways or county roads unless the litter is secured by means of a covering which is fastened securely so as to prevent any of its load from dropping, sifting, leaking or otherwise escaping from the vehicle.

Penalties for violating these laws may include:

- Fines not less than \$50 and up to \$1,000 plus court assessments,
- Up to one year in prison,
- Confiscation of vehicles used to illegally dump large amounts of litter,
- Community service litter pick-ups.

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Monday – Friday

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TARPING YOUR LOAD



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BEFORE YOU HIT THE ROAD YOU SHOULD ASK YOURSELF:

-Is there any chance of debris falling (or blowing) out of my vehicle?

-Would I feel safe driving behind my vehicle?

-What would happen to my load if I had to brake suddenly or if I hit a bump?

-Do I need to drive slower than I normally do?

-Would I want a vehicle loaded in this way driving through my neighborhood?

-Is my load secured on top, on the sides, and in back?

-Did I double check my load to make sure it is secured?

If you answered 'no' to any of those questions, you need to do a better job securing your cargo.

Each year in North America, road litter, either dumped on purpose by motorists, or fallen accidentally from unsecured loads, causes 50,000 accidents, 9,800 injuries with more than 100 of them fatal.

Many litter related violations and citations are the result of failure to secure a load.

Covering or securing your load will keep money in your pocket, keep our roads safer, and you'll be doing your part to keep Pickens County and South Carolina Beautiful!

TIPS FOR SECURED LOADS

- Lighter material goes lower
- Keep the load below the top edge if possible
- Place tall cargo flat and against the back of the cab
- Seal all boxes, bags, and garbage cans
- Fully cover loose material with a tarp
- Stop now and again to check that nothing has loosened during transport
- Wrap straps through and around items.
- Block items against each other to prevent shifting.

-Secure cushions, pillows, and other light items against the wind.

-Use high quality straps designed for the job



Properly secured loads utilize "bed nets" like this, tarps, and adjustable or ratcheting tie downs.



If you witness anyone littering, report it to Pickens County's Environmental Enforcement

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